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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated October 20, 2008, Applicants request  
reconsideration in view of the following remarks.

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.